Commercial monopolies are bad for the consumer. Huge corporations don't care about customer service because they don't HAVE to care. They're the only game in town, and too bad if common people don't like it.

This phenomena is doubly evil for society when the monopoly is on news and information. Television news is useless no matter which channel you watch. Intelligent people know that the only purpose for television news is to keep people in their chairs between commercials.

Print media and the internet are the last haven for intelligent news seekers, and now the integrity of print journalism is threatened by the proposal to lift the cross-ownership ban. This would be disastrous for individuals like myself and for our society. How can anyone make informed decisions about voting when all they're fed is corporate, commercial mush for news? The only ones to benefit from lifting the ban are the big guys--who already have everything going for them as it is.

Please follow your conscience, and keep the cross-ownership ban. And start enforcing it, too.

Very Sincerely,

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